

## **Minutes of Planning Commission Meeting 1308 August 19, 2013**

### **Roll Call: 7:04 pm**

Planning Commissioners present were Jeffrey, Fitzhugh, Beal and Supplee. Michele Braun was present as Clerk.

### **Attendance**

**Public:** Anne Donahue, Craig Sullivan, Ellen Ricker and Bonnie Kirn-Donahue.

**Conservation Commission:** Laura Hill-Eubanks

**Green Infrastructure:** Kim McKee.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of Minutes of Meeting 1307, July 15, 2013. Jeffrey moved to approve the Minutes; Fitzhugh seconded the motion. **The motion passed 4-0-0.**

*[Dollenmaier arrived at 7:06]*

### **Municipal Plan Update Discussion**

The Commission discussed the schedule provided by staff, with the first deadline of a final draft complete by the end of the year. Commissioners and staff took responsibility for several elements of the update (see outline in Staff Report).

Jeffrey: update data, using new Census data

Dollenmaier: strengthen economic development chapter

Fitzhugh: will revisit energy chapter

Braun: will figure out new flood resilience requirement

Fitzhugh noted that ridgelines are an important topic for this plan cycle, and that Northfield needs to have a Development Review Board in order to get Downtown Designation.

Laura Hill-Eubanks presented the Conservation Commission's priorities for the plan.

1. Energy/wind: a state biologist described the Northfield ridge as unroaded and unfragmented, of high ecological value.
2. Riparian Corridors
3. Natural Resource Inventory

### **Green Infrastructure Initiative**

Kim McKee presented the Green Infrastructure Initiative, a statewide plan to restore natural hydrologic function by constructing BMPs to manage rainfall where it lands. The project is funded by a USDA grant. CVRPC will work with Millie Archer to adapt the model LID ordinance to suit participating towns.

### **CVRPC Report**

Laura Hill-Eubanks reported on recent CVRPC news, including the process of consideration of merger with CVEDC. Ms Hill-Eubanks opposes that merger; Fitzhugh supports it.

### **Next Meeting**

Special Meetings every month in order to complete the Plan Update by the end of the year. Fitzhugh will set the September meeting date by email (will be week of the 2<sup>nd</sup>).

### **Adjournment**

Dollenmaier moved to adjourn at 8:15 pm; Beal seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0-0.**

These minutes are subject to changes at the next regular meeting; however, they are substantially correct.